GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORT SUPPLY OF TB MEIDICINES IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Rifampicin and Isoniazid are the two essential drugs required all through the period for treatment of TB;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that in major hospitals of the capital as well as some of the State hospitals these two drugs are in short supply;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether under the revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme , these two drugs are essential for the success of this programme; and

(e) if so the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure availability of these two drugs in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No such report has been received.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e) Under the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme, full requirement of anti-TB drugs is provided by the Centre to the districts as commodity grant. The availability of drugs at the district level is monitored on regular basis. In the programme anti TB drugs for full course of treatment are provided free of cost to the TB patients in patient-wise boxes to ensure availability of all anti TB drugs for full course of treatment. Anti-TB drugs are provided under observation and the patients are monitored till completion of treatment.

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